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One of the three daughters of a civil engineer, she completed her college preparation at Germantown (Pa.) High School and took her B.S. at Penn State in 1926, when women on that campus constituted a one-in-ten minority. She originally planned to become a dietician, fortunately changed her mind and enrolled for graduate study in the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work. Assignments in both New York and Philadelphia and marriage to Joseph A. Reeves, of Trenton, preceded her appointment in 1932 to the staff of the Princeton Community League.

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Mrs. Reeves' latest report—covering a segment of the myriad activities supported by the Community Chest in 1947—is a notable contribution to Princetoniana, for during the year no less than 191 families received assistance of some kind. Nearly 40 per cent of the new applicants were struggling with marital situations; 52 persons were helped through the Mental Hygiene Clinic; others sought help in making the adjustments that older people have to make; maladjusted children were given opportunities to find themselves in new, or improved, surroundings. And, through it all, the emphasis was placed upon substituting security and happiness for domestic chaos.

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Topics of the Town

Non-Stop Spiral. Jokes on almost any subject invariably find an eager audience but the early weeks of 1948 were fast providing one clear exception to the rule. Those who heard humorous quips about the high cost of living may have laughed but their laughter had the hollow sound of money falling down a deep well.

The year 1939 was nine years and a long war ago, yet it was within easy memory of the average wage-earner. This week, as he learned that it now took a dollar to buy what 57 cents provided in '39, he could ruefully conclude that unless his income had nearly doubled in that time, the treadmill was moving faster than he could run.

Truth was that December living costs had hit a new all-time high, were up 10.2 percent in a year and showed no signs of stopping. Food, nearly 15 percent higher in a year, led the parade and mankind still hadn't found a way to do without it.

The tax picture was gloomy as a storm cloud about to loose more snow on a well-buried community, and its effect would be felt long after Winter had fled. The more far-sighted citizen, watching Washington for news of income tax relief, hoped the long-awaited reduction would not be so drastic as to boomerang and set off a new inflation spiral.

In New Jersey, political observers waited for Governor Driscoll to introduce his 1948 budget to the Legislature Monday, predicted that both a bond issue and new taxes would be necessary to help balance revenues and expenditures. Hudson County Democrats were reported readying a State veterans' bonus with an estimated cost of \$100,000,000.

Borough residents learned that their
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Revealing glimpses of American, British, and Hessian personalities involved in the campaign add human interest to the abundance of clearly explained military and historical data. The character of Washington as general, leader, gentleman and man is delineated with quotations from his letters and descriptions by his contemporaries that give an insight to the general reader that cannot be gained from a routine history book. Particularly worth quoting, from a contemporary standpoint, is his acknowledgment of unlimited powers received from Congress: "Instead of thinking myself freed of all civil obligations, . . . I shall constantly bear in mind, that as the sword was the last resort for the preservation of our liberties, so it ought to be the first thing laid aside, when those liberties are firmly established."

For the Princeton reader, the book should be especially fascinating, following, as one can with the aid of simple maps, the exact moves of each regiment of the Continental Army after the battle at King and Queen (Warren and Broad) Streets in Trenton, the escape from Cornwallis along the river out the back road (which appears to have been the forerunner of Route 1), up the "new" Quaker Road to Mercer Heights and the battle, which, incredibly, took only 45 minutes. Familiar names run throughout: the gallant part played by Hugh Mercer is prominently described; inhabitants of the Olden

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tax rate would hit a new high, rising 19 points to 4.07. Mayor Charles R. Erdman, Jr. again performed his ever-welcome feat of decreasing the rate for local purposes by two points, but the county rate jumped nine and the school levy 12.

Township taxpayers would wait until a week from Monday to hear of their new rate, but reports published so far indicated their increase might be in excess of 40 points. Last year's rate was 3.38, and an efficiently-run municipality which saw 2.98 in force less than a decade ago must now look ahead to 4.00.

A charming residential community, zoned against factories and partial to research and education it remained a delightful place for the white collar worker in which to live. Sometimes, however, the collar got a bit tight.

Miscellany. Tips to motorists: don't park near fire hydrants, as both the police and fire departments are becoming increasingly irritated over numer-

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Saturday, January 31st

8:30 p.m.: Basketball: Princeton vs. Rutgers; Dillon Gymnasium.
Hockey: Princeton vs. Boston University; Baker Rink.

Sunday, February 1st

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
11:00 a.m.: Communion, Methodist Church.
"The Secret of Joy," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; Communion; First Church.
"The Forgiveness of Sin," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Communion; Second Church.
"The Fourth Commandment," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster College Chapel.
"Love," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.; Communion; Trinity Church.
University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.
"The Epitaph of a Christian," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison; Communion; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.
Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.
Noon: House-to-House Collection of Scrap Paper, sponsored by Princeton Post Number 76, American Legion.
7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Church.
8:00 p.m.: "The Value of An Individual," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.
"The Bread of Life," the Rev. Dr. Tucker; Communion; Second Church.
"Because of Their Unbelief," the Rev. Galamison; installation of Elders; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.
8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Tuesday, February 3d

3:30 p.m.: Children's Dramatic Production, "Sleeping Beauty!" Clare Tree Major Company; McCarter Theater.
8:30 p.m.: Hockey: Princeton vs. St. Nicholas H.C.; Baker Rink.

Wednesday, February 4th

8:00 p.m.: Address, the Rev. T. Z. Koo; Miller Chapel, Seminary.
Seminar, "The Christian Faith!" Second Church.
Mid-week Service, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, February 5th

4:00 p.m.: Princeton University's 214th Commencement Exercises; Alexander Hall.



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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Body and Soul (Fri., Sat.) casts John Garfield in a film on crooked deals in the prizefight game. It offers some outstanding photography in an otherwise conventional story.

The Treasure of Sierra Madre (Sun. thru Wed.) spins a villainous yarn about three men (Humphrey Bogart, Tim Holt, Walter Huston) who go prospecting for gold in Mexico, quarrel bitterly when they find it. The dramatic plot and Mr. Huston's performance are high points but the long (over two hours) film drags noticeably.

The Swordsman (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) takes a bit of Western horseplay, costumes it lavishly and sets it down in the picturesque Scottish countryside of long ago. Larry Parks and Ellen Drew in a colorful but routine offering.

The Garden

I Love Trouble (Fri., Sat.) has to do with a private detective who trails a woman at her husband's request, finds that he's the philanderer. Franchot Tone, Janet Blair in something quite poor.

Carmen (Mon., Tues., Wed.), a French release, is considerably franker in its romantic scenes than this nation's pictures are permitted to be. Based on the opera, it's a well-made European film despite the flamboyant publicity that accompanies it.

It Had to Be You (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) sends Ginger Rogers through her paces in light comedy with marital troubles as the theme. Not too good.

EXAMS make it impossible for us to accept any new work until Mon., Feb. 9. From then on, business as usual, and of course, 3-day service. Campus Radio Service, Arthur Hughes, 27 Campbell Hall, Tel. 2013-J.

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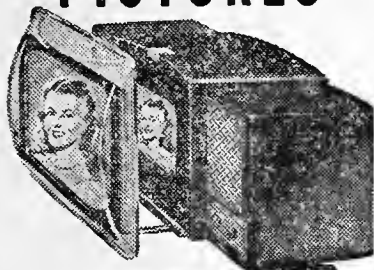
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house watched British battle preparations from the doorway before retreating to the cellar; Cornwallis slept at Morven before leaving for Trenton to "bag the fox"; and so on, in intriguing fashion.

In addition to completing what was obviously a tremendous amount of research and using his findings in concise and pertinent fashion, Mr. Bill has done a thoroughly successful job of writing the history of the Princeton campaign in three ways which, to us, are particularly notable. In the first place, the book is completely readable; secondly, it creates an actual feeling of suspense; thirdly, it leaves the reader with a desire to know in equally full detail what happens next. The latter quality is the result of a skill which, regrettably, is not possessed by enough history teachers.

"The Campaign of Princeton", published this week by the Princeton University Press, is available at Zavelle's, The University Store and Parnassus Book Shop for \$2.50.

Allen's. After many days of wondering what was going on behind the wooden wall at 134 Nassau Street, Princetonians now have the chance to find out. The town's newest children's shop, Allen's, (the goings on, incidentally, were part of a very successful remodelling job by L. C. Bowers and Sons), has opened this week for business. Catering to the needs of the younger generation, male and female, from infants to those wearing size 14, the store is efficiently planned for visibility and accessibility of stock.

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Highland Park and Princeton High basketball teams saw little action Tuesday afternoon other than the 143 points they scored between them in just 32 minutes of play . . . in a game that went to the visitors, 75-68, Mel Ballou aided his team's cause with 46 points . . . Princeton's varsity courtmen will be after their fifth straight against Rutgers Saturday night in a sure sell-out that will draw a big delegation from New Brunswick . . . the hockey team goes against Boston U. in the rink and we can commend both contests as worthy of attention . . . George Sella of the basketball team and Paul van Dyke on Dick Vaughan's first line are two of the ablest sophomores to wear Orange and Black in many years.

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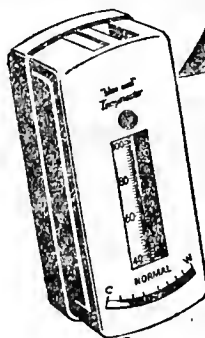
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